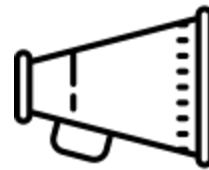


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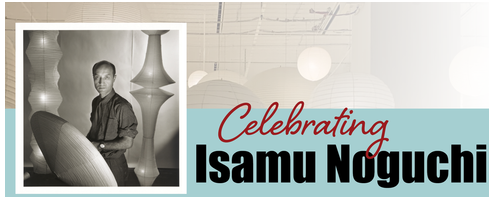
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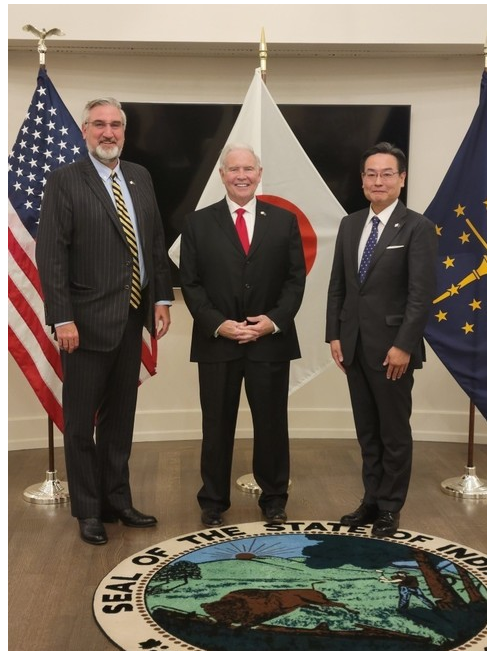
Announcements

Important information and updates



Japan-Related Events

Japanese cultural events
happening online and in-person
in the Midwest and online events
around the country



Month in Review

Take a look back at some of the important news from last month!



Grants & Scholarships

A list of currently open Grants and Scholarships related to Japan



Featured Interview

Interview with Cheri and Teri, founders of Tangerine Mountain Imports and Designs



JIC Highlight

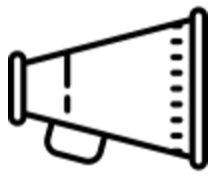
This month we highlight the Japan Information Center and everything it has to offer!



This Month in Japan

Learn about the month of November in Japan





The Japan Information Center on the 10th floor is now reopen to the public! Current operating hours are as follows:

Monday – Friday (except Consulate holidays) 9:30am to 12:00pm and 1:30pm to 5:00pm (library procedures will end 15 minutes before closing time)

We ask all visitors please wear a mask and maintain social distance during their visit to JIC. If the number of visitors exceeds 5 people per group, please contact JIC in advance to schedule visit.

Thank you for understanding.

Consular Office Hours

The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago currently offers the following operating times for Consular Services:

- Consular Service windows will be open from Monday - Friday 10:00am to 12:15pm and 1:15 to 3:00pm.
- The Consular Section's phones will be available to call between 9:15 am and 12:15pm, and again from 1:15 to 5:00pm.

We do ask that all visitors cooperate with following necessary precautions:

- If you are feeling ill, please wait to come in until you are feeling completely well again.
 - Please only come in to the Consulate for essential activities. If it can wait, please consider doing so.
 - In accordance with CDC guidelines, a maximum of 10 people will be allowed in the waiting room. Be aware that you may need to wait outside the waiting room should more than 10 people be present.
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2022 -2023 JET Program Application

Applications for the 2022-2023 Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program are now open! If you've ever dreamed of living and working in Japan, now is your chance. Application information can be found on the [JET Program Website](https://jetprogramusa.org). Deadline is November 12, 2021.



Holidays

The Consulate-General of Japan will be closed on:

November 11 for Veteran's Day as well as **November 25** and

November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**JAPAN-RELATED
EVENTS**





How I Built My Career Related to Japan as an Artist and Educator with the U.S.- Japan Bridging Foundation

Dancer/Choreographer Cameron McKinney (Kizuna Dance) and Moving Image Educator and Maker Tom Flint discuss how they built their careers as artists and educators, while maintaining their deep connection to Japan.

VIRTUAL

Wednesday November 3 at 8:00pm (ET)

Free



2021 Virtual Mondale Award and Scholarship Gala with the Japan America Society of Minnesota

The Japan America Society of Minnesota will present both the Mondale Award and Mondale Scholarship to recipients at their 24th Annual Gala. There will be an auction, fundraiser, and speeches from the Ambassador of Japan Tomita, Consul-General of Japan in Chicago Tajima, and U.S. Senator Klobuchar.

VIRTUAL



Ikebana International Chicago Chapter #27 presents

Japanese Healing Gardens: Seeing What You Don't See

Sat. Nov. 6, 2021, 2pm to 3pm, Central Time



About Hoichi Kurisu

Japanese Landscape Architect

- * Portland Japanese Garden
- * Anderson Japanese Gardens
- * Roji-en Japanese Gardens
- * Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Garden
- * OSP Memorial Healing Garden

Japanese Healing Gardens: Seeing What You Don't See with the Ikebana International Chicago Chapter

Join the Ikebana International Chicago Chapter #27 and Japanese landscape architect Hoichi Kurisu on November 6 to learn about Mr. Kurisu's work on Japanese gardens and the history of the Japanese garden design.

Please contact I.I. Chicago Chapter President Margot Wang (margot.wang@gmail.com) to join the program.

VIRTUAL

Saturday, November 6 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm (CT)

Free

Presented by **Lighthouse**

Japanese College Fair 2021 Fall ONLINE

Many Japanese universities welcome all students who are currently studying outside of Japan. They offer incentives such as entrance exams taken outside of Japan, English-only enrollment, scholarships, Fall Entrance, exchange programs with top universities in the world, and transferring systems from colleges. Each participating university has a designated program for international students and will be providing the latest information.

Monday, November 8 through Thursday, December 9

Live Webinar

- 5pm-8pm (Hawaii)
- 7pm-10pm (US PST)
- 10pm-1am (US EST)
- 3am-6am (UTC +1 day)
- noon-3pm (Japan +1 day)

Pre-Registration Required

Free

Presented in both English and Japanese

Participating Universities

Chukyo University, Kaishi Professional University, Yamazaki Gakuin University, Kindai University, Kyoto University of Advanced Science, Ritsumeikan University, Kyushu University School of Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation, Kumamoto University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), Aoyama Gakuin University, Hosei University, International Christian University (ICU), Rikkyo University, Rikkyo University, J. F. Oberlin University, Sophia University, Temple University, Japan Campus, Temple University, Japan Campus, Tsuda University, University of Tsukuba, Waseda University.

Webinar Schedule

Presentations in English
Monday, November 8 - Thursday, November 18

Presentations in Japanese
Tuesday, November 23 - Thursday, December 9

How it works

- 1 Sign up at <https://bit.ly/ENDAIGAKU2021FALL> or use the QR code on the right.
- 2 You'll receive the URLs for each day.
- 3 Access the URLs you are interested in. Please use the Q&A button for your questions.
- 4 Online individual consultations are available at a later date.

Although this online event is free, pre-registration is required. Please use the following link to sign up and receive further information.
<https://bit.ly/ENDAIGAKU2021FALL>
Any inquiries: seminar@lighthouse.com
<https://japan-universities.com/en/>

Japanese College Fair Fall 2021 presented by Lighthouse

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VIRTUAL

English Presentation: November 8 - 18

Japanese Presentation: November 23 - December 9


Free

Holiday Delight 2021

What? Pre-order Japanese food for pick up

When? Saturday, November 13 2:00-5:00pm

Where? 4427 N Clark Parking Lot



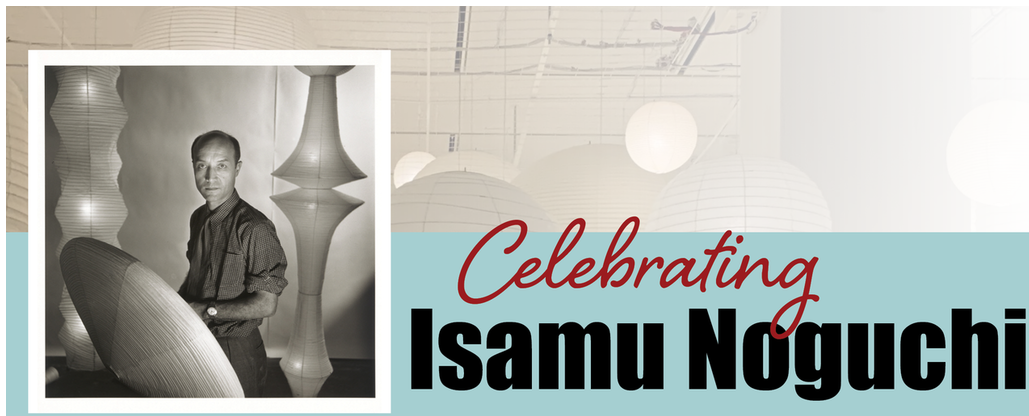
Holiday Delight with the Japanese-American Service Committee

Because of the pandemic, the Japanese-American Service Committee will be limiting Holiday Delight this year to pre-order food pick-up and a 50/50 raffle drawing. Support JASC who is partnering with M Square Catering and Lawrence Fish Market to offer a variety of tasty Japanese and Japanese American food, including bento, futomaki, and more! All food needs to be pre-ordered, and will be available for pick up.

IN PERSON food pick-up from 2:00pm - 5:00pm (CT)

Saturday, November 13

4427 N. Clark St. Chicago IL, 60640



Noguchi November - Celebrating Isamu **Noguchi's Birthday with the La Porte** **County Public Library**

This November, La Porte County Public Library, in partnership with La Porte Friends of Noguchi, celebrates the life and career of Isamu Noguchi. Born in Los Angeles, Noguchi moved to Japan at the age of two and returned to the United States in 1918 where he attended high school in Rolling Prairie and La Porte, Indiana. During this time, local families nurtured a young Noguchi, encouraging his artistic talents. The world-renowned sculptor considered himself a lifelong Hoosier while creating unique sculptures, gardens, furniture, lighting designs, and more during his career. The Library and Friends of Noguchi group invite the community to learn about his works through a ribbon cutting ceremony, various events throughout the month, library materials, and a high school art competition.

IN-PERSON

Throughout the month of November. Please visit the event page for more information.
904 Indiana Avenue, La Porte, IN 46350



JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS

セントルイス日米協会

Japan America Society of St. Louis Annual

Dinner and Meeting

The Japan America Society of St. Louis is hosting their annual meeting and dinner event. Premium sushi bento boxes and a variety of beverages will be served, as well as a silent auction featuring Japanese art, event tickets, and spirits to help raise funds for the JASSTL. Non-members also welcome.

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 17 at 5:00pm (CT)

Piper Palm House at Tower Grove Park, 4271 Northeast Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110

Members: \$75 | Non-members: \$90



**DECONSTRUCTED
KIMONOS**

Featuring: Na Omi Shintani,
Artist & Narrator of Culture

Thursday, November 18, 2021
6:00-7:00 pm CST

FREE ADMISSION
EVENT WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM

www.jaschicago.org

Deconstructed Kimonos with the Japan

America Society of Chicago

Join the Japan America Society of Chicago and Japanese-American artist Na Omi Shintani as she explores her heritage and loss of it through altering and honoring kimonos as well as the process of deconstruction.

VIRTUAL

Thursday, November 18 at 6:00pm -7:00pm (CT)

Free

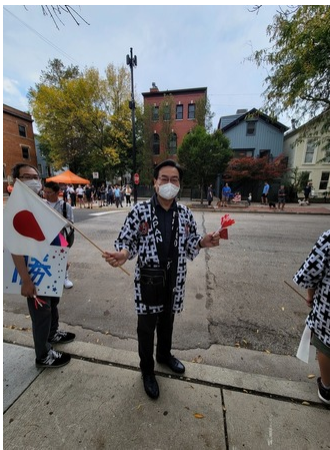
LAST MONTH IN REVIEW





Consul-General attends the International Women Associates Japan Celebration

On September 23rd, Consul-General Tajima attended and spoke at the International Women Associates Japan Celebration. Along with celebrating Japan and efforts made by IWA, he enjoyed a shamisen performance by multi-instrumentalist Tatsu Aoki.



Consul-General and Staff attends the 2021 Chicago Marathon

On October 10th, Consul-General Tajima and Japan Information Center staff cheered all the Chicago Marathon runners from the Japan Cheering Station with the Osaka Sister City Committee. Consul-General Tajima met with 4th-placed runner Kengo Suzuki and 8th-placed wheelchair athlete Sho Watanabe.



Consul-General visits Evanston Township High School

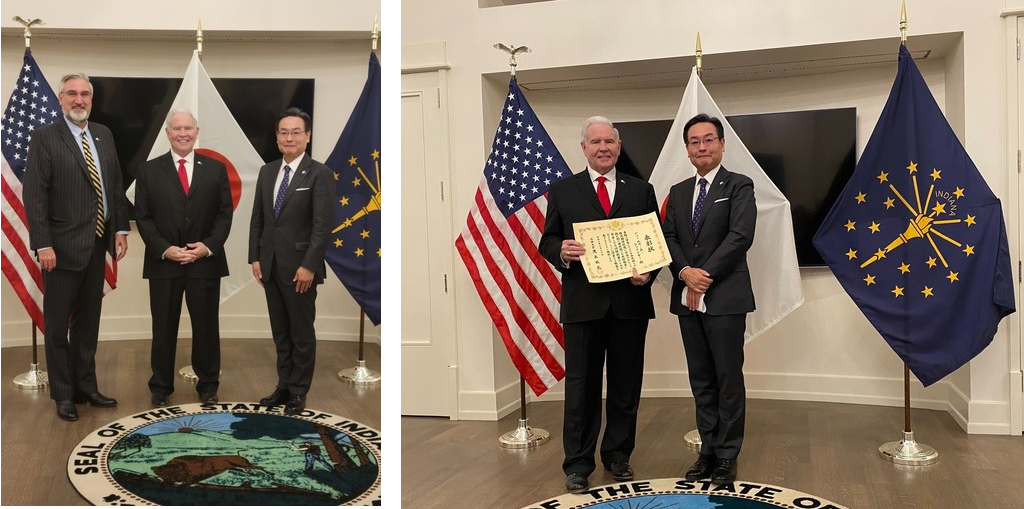
On October 14th, Consul-General Tajima visited Evanston Township High and met with Superintendent Eric Witherspoon. He thanked Superintendent Witherspoon for his leadership as well as everyone at ETHS for their decade-long friendship with the Niigata Prefectural Kokusai Joho High School.



Consul-General visits Garden of the Phoenix

On October 15th, Consul-General Tajima visited the Garden of the Phoenix inside of Jackson Park. He showed his appreciation to Project 120, Chicago Park District and

volunteers for their efforts in fostering the garden as a beautiful symbol of both US-Japan historical bond and the Osaka-Chicago sister city friendship.



Consul-General meets with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and former Secretary of Commerce James A. Schellinger

On October 19th, Consul-General Tajima met with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. During their meeting, they discussed the strong bond between Indiana and Japan as well as the future of the partnership. On October 17th, Consul-General Tajima met with Indiana's former Secretary of Commerce James A. Schellinger and gave him the Foreign Minister's Commendations for serving to promote economic relations between the United States and Japan.



Consul-General visits Anderson Japanese Gardens

On October 21st, Consul-General Tajima visited Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford, IL. He thanked and honored John Anderson and David Anderson for their long years of dedication to creating the gardens.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS



Japan Foundation Grants

Grants to teachers, institutions, and students engaged in Japanese language, as well as arts and cultural programs.

[Japanese Language Education Project Grant](#)

[Exhibitions Abroad Support Program](#)

[JFNY Grant for Online Japanese Studies](#)

[Japanese Studies Fellowship Program](#)



The Japan Foundation
Center for Global Partnership

CGP 2021 Relief Grant for Japan America Societies and Japanese Gardens

Like many other U.S.- Japan related non-profit organizations, Japan America Societies and Japanese Gardens have been struggling to maintain organizational stability and regular programming as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The objective of this program is to provide support to an organizational sustainability project or salary assistance that will lead to long-term operational stability.

Round 2 deadline is November 30, 2021 (for projects beginning before March 31, 2022)



Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Overseas Candidate

The Rotary Yoneyama Foundation supports international students in achieving academic success. The purpose of the foundation is to deepen

mutual international understanding and develop bonds between the student's home country and Japan.

The Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Overseas Candidate is a special program to support overseas students in the first years of their enrollment in Japanese universities and graduate schools. This scholarship provides both financial and personal support to the awardees upon their arrival in Japan.

2021 applications are due on December 15, 2021 JST. (for both Spring and Fall 2022 enrollment)

Featured Interview



Interview with Cheri and Teri, Founders of Tangerine Mountain

This month we interviewed Cheri and Teri, founders of the Kimono import company Tangerine Mountain.



JIC Highlight

With the reopening of the Japan Information Center, this month we highlight everything the JIC has to offer from a traditional Japanese tea room, Japan-related books, resources, and information.

THIS MONTH IN JAPAN

Shimotsuki, the ancient name for November, means "frost month." There are two national holidays in Japan this month: Bunka no Hi (Culture Day – Nov. 3rd) celebrates culture, arts, and academics. Kinrō Kansha no Hi (Labor Thanksgiving Day – Nov. 23rd) is a day to give thanks to hard work and prosperity.

Although not a national holiday, another holiday that's observed during this month is Shichi-Go-San (Seven-Five-Three – Nov. 15th), where 7-year-old girls, 5-year-old-boys, and 3-year-old girls dress in traditional clothing, visit shrines, and pray with their families.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Subscribers,

The fall colors and the brisk mornings tell us that we are in the midst of a lovely autumn!

We have a variety of virtual and in-person events for you to join this month in our Japan-Related Events section! Be sure to also check out the events our Consulate took part in October in the Last Month in Review section!

For this issue, we are excited to interview Cheri and Teri, founders of Tangerine Mountain, an importing company that imports vintage and authentic kimono from Japan. To celebrate the reopening of the Japan Information Center, we highlight everything that the JIC has to offer.

As always, please stay healthy and safe this month!

Itsumo arigatou gozaimasu,
Japan Information Center



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